

limp he's had all his life since suffering from polio at age 3.

But the canes and the limp don't deter long-time educator Carl Weaver. In fact, since his retirement from the Laurel County school system in 2002, Weaver has been busier than ever.

In fact, Weaver depicts the word "busy." With nearly 40 years of teaching experience under his belt, Weaver has always been active in the school, in his personal life, and in his community.

Even while raising his three children, his life has revolved around academics and athletics. During school hours, the classroom setting found him instructing students about history, civics, and psychology. During summer breaks, he taught psychology at Sue Bennett College.

After-school hours found Weaver on the baseball field where he coached the South Laurel High School baseball team for six years. When not on the baseball field, Weaver was the academic team coach for Laurel County High School, and when the county school split into two high schools, he remained on at South Laurel High School as academic team coach, garnering over 20 years in that position. During this time he was an unyielding advocate for the establishment of elementary school academic teams—a goal he not only saw accomplished but saw its success and contributions to the educational programs of the school system where he taught for 33 years.

As if that weren't enough, Weaver also coached baseball for the local Little League teams, coached basketball for the Laurel-London Optimist Club, and served as a 4-H leader. His ties to the baseball field didn't end when he retired in 2002.

"I help with the concession stands at South Laurel now," Weaver said. "My son, Whitney, is assistant baseball coach there."

Weaver's teaching career began in 1963 after graduation from Cumberland College (now University of the Cumberlands). He attended Sue Bennett College for two years prior to transferring to Cumberland College to pursue his bachelor's degree. After college graduation, he moved to Zanesville, Ohio, and taught seventh- and eighth-grade students for six years before returning to Laurel County.

"I was an undergraduate student and I was only 19 when I started teaching," he said.

He earned his master's degree from Union College while still teaching full-time and raising his own children.

Weaver saw many changes over the span of his career, but his focus always remained on the students who came through his classes. Three of those students were his own children—Wayne, Karen (Davenport), and Whitney.

"I had all three in at least one class during high school," he said, "and I had Karen in her first year at Sue Bennett for psychology class. I never had any problems out of my children in class. I was probably harder on them than on other students."

Many of his former students approach him even now, some of which he said he had in class as many as 30 years ago.

"I always enjoyed teaching. I enjoyed the students," Weaver said. "You meet so many different students and see the uniqueness of each one, their personality. That's really what it's all about is the kids. You're teaching the student, not the subject matter."

He related that he still misses being in the classroom but ongoing problems with his legs prompted him to retire after reaching the 27-year mark.

"I taught for 33 years but the six years in Ohio didn't count toward my retirement time," he explained.

But retirement didn't provide time off from being busy. In fact, between his own ac-

tivities and those with his grandchildren, Weaver says he has more to do now than in the past.

Currently Weaver and his wife of 48 years, Pearl, are helping out in their son's produce stand, located on East Ky. 80 beside Arnold's Place, while they continue to raise strawberries and raspberries on their farm in the Laurel River community. That farm produces the fruits and vegetables that the Weavers display in their produce market—homemade strawberry preserves made by their son Wayne and wife Michelle. Jars of bread-and-butter pickles also adorn the counter of the market, another example of the Weaver's farming products.

"Good to see you," Carl Weaver greets the customers coming in to the produce market during the day, and their parting is accentuated with, "Thanks for stopping by. Come back and see us."

A friendly and informal manner from a man who holds his honorary doctorate in humanities, but the nature of his greeting is reason for the doctorate degree presented by his brother Neal, then president of Louisiana Baptist University in Shreveport.

"He gave me an honorary doctorate in humanities because of my long years of work with young people, in the classroom and in the community," Weaver said.

"It's been a good life," he added. "When I started college I planned to pursue a law degree. But somewhere along the lines I decided I wanted to be a teacher. I guess some people look back and see visions of better things but I enjoyed teaching and I never regretted it."

NOMINATION OF WINSLOW LORENZO SARGEANT

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, today the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship favorably reported out the President's nomination of Dr. Winslow Lorenzo Sargeant to serve as Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

I am pleased that President Obama nominated such a talented individual to this top position at the SBA. His confirmation will complete the SBA's exceptional leadership team.

As Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Dr. Winslow Sargeant brings a unique background to this very important position. With a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in electrical engineering and a background as a very successful small business owner, he is not only well-educated but well-educated about the challenges facing small businesses today.

He is the former managing director of Venture Investors, a Midwest venture capital company with a concentration on starting up healthcare and technology companies. From 2001 to 2005, he served as a program manager for SBIR in electronics at the National Science Foundation. He has also worked at IBM as a staff engineer, at AT&T as technical staff, and as an associate adjunct professor at the University of Pennsylvania.

With capable leaders such as Dr. Sargeant at the helm, the agency is more than ready to continue to play an important role in assisting small businesses as they lead this country to an economic recovery. We look forward to

continuing to work with them and to a new era for the SBA and American small businesses.

CELEBRATING THE U.S. NAVY'S 236th BIRTHDAY

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, tomorrow, the U.S. Navy celebrates its 236th birthday.

On Friday, October 13, 1775, the Continental Congress, representing the citizens of 13 American colonies, passed a resolution to acquire the first two warships for the Continental Navy. It stated "that a swift sailing vessel, to carry ten carriage guns, and a proportional number of swivels, with eighty men, be fitted with all possible dispatch, for a cruise of three months, and that the commander be instructed to cruise eastward, for intercepting such transports as may be laden with warlike stores and other supplies for our enemies, and for such other purposes as the Congress shall direct."

The Founders recognized the essential nature of a Navy to the strength and longevity of the Nation by authorizing Congress "to provide and maintain a Navy" in article I of the Constitution. A Naval Committee was established to build a fitting Navy for our fledgling country, acquire and fit out vessels for sea, and draw up regulations. The Continental Navy began a proud tradition, carried out for 236 years by our U.S. Navy, to protect our Nation and pursue the causes of freedom we hold so dear.

For the past 236 years, the central mission of the Navy has been to protect the interests of our Nation around the world on the high seas, to fight and win the wars of our Nation, and to maintain control of the sea lines of communication enabling this Nation and other free nations to grow and prosper. Whether in peace or at war, U.S. citizens around the world can rest assured that the U.S. Navy is on watch, ever vigilant, and ready to respond.

U.S. sailors, as both ambassadors and warriors, have won extraordinary distinction and respect for the Nation and its Navy. The core values of "Honor, Courage, and Commitment" are the guides by which the U.S. sailors live and serve. Today, the U.S. Navy is the most capable, most respected, and most effective sea service in the world.

Seventy-five percent of land in the world is bound by water and 75 percent of the population of the world lives within 100 miles of the sea, assuring that our naval forces will continue to be called upon to respond to emerging crises, to maintain freedom of the sea, to deter would-be aggressors, and to provide our allies with a visible reassurance of support of the United States of America.

As we celebrate our Navy's 236th birthday, America's sons and daughters continue to stand the watch on the frontlines of the war on terror at sea and on foreign shores. While we look at